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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Madam:

In response to the Office Action of April 4, 2003, applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the claims as amended below.

Kindly cancel claim 15 since it has the identical limitations as claim 14 and was inadvertently included in the instant application. Claim 16 has been